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On instructions from my Government and with reference to paragraph 9 of the summary statement by the Secretary-General on matters of which the Security Council is seized and on the stage reached in their consideration (S/1999/25), I have the honour to inform you that the Republic of Iraq requests the retention of two of the items listed in paragraph 7 of the summary statement. They are as follows:

1. Item 13, entitled "Complaint by Iraq concerning incidents on its frontier with Iran". The reason for requesting retention of this item is that Iranian attacks on Iraq's borders are still continuing and Iraq keeps the Council informed of them on a periodic basis.

2. Item 23, entitled "Complaint by Iraq". This concerns the 1981 Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear reactor dedicated to peaceful uses. In its resolution 487 (1981), the Council strongly condemns this attack and calls upon Israel to refrain in the future from any such acts or threats thereof and to place its nuclear facilities under International Atomic Energy Agency safeguards, among other measures. The requirements of this resolution have yet to be met, and Israel still persists in threatening to direct military strikes at Arab scientific establishments dedicated to peaceful purposes. It also still refuses to place its nuclear facilities under the IAEA full-scope safeguards regime.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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